

SOLONS TO ACT ON FIRE INSURANCE RATE REDUCTION

Court Decision Since Last Session Establishes Right of Legislative Regulation. It Is Said

The question of regulation of fire insurance rates in the islands by the territorial government is certain to be undertaken by the legislature. Legislators say there appears to be an opinion in many quarters that present rates, all conditions considered, are too high.

One feature of the subject is brought forth in the territorial treasurer's biennial report in his statement that statistics show policyholders in the islands receive back an average of \$13 for every \$100 paid the insurance concerns. The average return to policyholders on the mainland, he asserts, is \$40 to \$45 per \$100 paid out.

When the enactment of a law to regulate fire insurance rates was before the last legislature it was urged in opposition that this could not lawfully be done by the territory. Certain senators interested in the subject declare that this power is no longer in question, following a decision of the United States supreme court on April 20, 1914. In the case of the German Alliance Insurance Company versus Kansas, 24 U. S. Sup. Ct. Rep. 612, the court held that the business of fire insurance so far affects public interest that legislative regulation of its rates is justified.

"The effect of this decision," said a senator today, "clearly is to place fire insurance rates on the same basis as the rates of railroads, telephone, gas, light and other utility companies. The decision also marks a great advance in the position it takes in recognizing the fallacy of the anti-compact, anti-trust and other cooperative laws, and that the economical and efficient conduct of the business of insurance requires full cooperation between the companies."

MAYOR ENLARGES CITY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Resistant to the economic condition of legislation which is needed for Honolulu and which is to be introduced before the legislature, Mayor John C. Lane has increased the number of supervisors on the legislative committee from three to five, the new members being Supervisors Ahia and Horner. The other members are Supervisors Logan, Hollinger and Quinn.

A careful search is being made through the present laws with a view to having corrected any undesirable statutes. The growth of the city and county in late years and its acquisition of new property, such as the water and sewer works, has shown the need of several changes in the city act which was passed by the legislature in 1907.

One needed change was brought to the attention of Mayor Lane yesterday. Under a section of the city act all work of the city and county which will incur an expenditure of \$500 or more, except road work, must be done by contract.

As a great deal of the installation of water mains is to be done by the department itself it is proposed to amend this section to make this possible.

HEROES IN THE TRENCHES.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—These men in the trenches must keep incessant vigilance against sudden attacks by the enemy. The men who serve the artillery fire day and night sometimes at an enemy that is never seen.

Medical science will save more lives this year than war will take, no matter how terribly murderous that war may be. Then, too, the food supply is very carefully looked after by the commissariat. The food supply of the soldiers must be wholesome. Living in the open air, the men are able to digest hard-baked with great relish. Napoleon said, "An army fights on its stomach." A man with a weak stomach is pretty sure to be a poor fighter. It is difficult almost impossible for anyone, man or woman, if digestion is poor, to succeed in business or socially, or to enjoy life. In tablet or liquid form Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery helps weak stomachs to strong healthy action—helps them to digest the food that makes the good, rich, red blood which nourishes the entire body.

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Speaker of 1915 House and Some of His Fellow-Members



Left to right—G. H. Huddy, representative from East Hawaii; William T. Rawlins, representative from fourth district of Oahu; H. L. Holstein, representative from West Hawaii and speaker of the house; John Fasoth, representative from Kauai; W. H. Crawford, representative from fifth district of Oahu.—Kodagraph P. Int.

HILO ELECTRIC PROBE WANTED BY COMPLAINANT

James C. Turner Sends Legislature a Petition Making Bitter Attack

An attack upon the Hilo Electric Light Company is expected on the floor of the house when a petition signed by James C. Turner, a competitor of the corporation, is presented before the session closes today.

Turner attacks the governor and the board of supervisors of the Big Island in a lengthy and bitter petition. He alleges that he formerly worked for the Hilo Electric Light Company installing fixtures and that later he resigned and branched out in the fixture supply and installation business. Since then, he states, the corporation has resorted to all methods imaginable to break him.

He declares that, to this end, the electric light company had the supervisors impose a malicious and unreasonable license for each and every fixture he installs. He says he complained to the governor and was referred to the official to the Hilo board of supervisors. This latter letter Turner calls a "joke" of the governor's and quotes the parable, "He asked for bread and they gave him a stone," in commenting on the governor's letter. He will press another investigation on the Big Island.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Mayor Lane and Supervisor Hollinger were interested visitors at the opening session of the house yesterday.

Representative Kupieha has introduced a measure to provide payment at the rate of 25 cents per hour for laborers in the municipal employ at Hilo, Hawaii. It has passed first reading.

W. H. Crawford, representative from Oahu, would further limit the authority of policemen to make arrests without warrants. He has introduced a bill towards this end in the lower branch of the legislature.

No one can accuse Representative Kupieha of attempting to steal other people's thunder. Kupieha introduced the initiative, referendum and recall bill prepared by the late J. M. Poepoe without removing the dead legislator's signature.

In the interest of economy and to avoid confusion it is understood the senate of the present legislature will not originate nearly so many bills as before, leaving that duty to the lower house and dealing with those subjects only after they have come over from representative hall.

That the license commission might have more power when attempting to determine conditions existing at places licensed to do business, a bill has been introduced by Representative Crockett to grant the commission the power to subpoena witnesses under oath. This is aimed directly at applicants for liquor licenses, it has been asserted.

Biennial reports of territorial department heads began piling up on the solons' desks today. The first, that of the superintendent of public works, appeared yesterday. It was followed today by those of the chief justice of the supreme court and the treasurer, while the governor's message was added to the list of formal documents yesterday afternoon.

To minimize the necessity for traffic laws and the danger of automobile accidents there is talk of a measure requiring all motor car drivers to file a substantial bond before receiving their licenses. It is said similar legis-

COMMITTEES IN SENATE DELAYED BY THE MINORITY

Democrats Have Hard Time Deciding on Their Men for Judiciary Committee

Failure of the Democrats to agree among themselves upon their minority membership on the judiciary committee of the senate delayed announcement of the senate committees until this morning, according to a story going the rounds of the capitol.

It is said that the Democrats agreed that Coke should be one of their two members on the judiciary committee, and had a hard time deciding on the other as between Senators Metzger and Maekau. The latter was a member of the committee last session but Metzger is credited with being anxious to hold down a place on this committee, which is one of the hardest-worked and most important of the upper house.

Metzger was finally placed on the committee and Castle, chairman, Penhallow and Desha are the Republicans.

Shortly after the senate convened this morning President Chillingworth announced the roster of standing committees. The first named in the list below are the chairmen:

Ways and Means—Rice, Baldwin, Quinn, Maekau and Lauka.

Judiciary—Castle, Penhallow, Desha, Coke and Metzger.

Public Lands—Baldwin, Desha and Metzger.

Education—Penhallow, Rice, Baker.

Printing and Enrolment—Robinson, Quinn, Mikael.

Accounts—Quinn, Wirtz, Robinson.

Health—Desha, Baldwin, Baker.

Military—Coke, Penhallow and Baker.

Promotion—Penhallow, Castle, Lauka.

Rules—Rice, Castle, Mikael.

Partisan fights, if there are any, will occur only in the senate where the "respectable minority," as Senator Wirtz put it yesterday, comprises seven of the 15 members, with W. T. Robinson of the Republican side apparently inclined to hold aloof from his party friends. Democratic members say they are standing close to the governor, and should the chief executive have occasion to veto any legislative measure which the Republican senators favor the upper branch may encounter serious difficulty in an effort to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority to override the governor's veto.

That the capitol, judiciary building, archives, armory, all the expensive territorial wharves and the 167 school buildings of the territory are without insurance protection from fire or other catastrophe was the surprising disclosure made by the governor in his initial message to the new legislature yesterday. Should any of these structures be destroyed the territory would be forced to withstand the entire loss and dig deep into an already pinched purse to replace them. As a result

KUPIHEA TO ASK JUDGE'S CHARGES BE INVESTIGATED

Representative Says He Should Not Be Blamed for Delinquency of Girls

Representative D. M. Kupieha, the lone Democratic member of the house, announced this morning that he will ask for a legislative investigation of the recent action of Circuit Judge Ashford in blaming him for the delinquency of his daughter and niece.

As published in the Star-Bulletin several days ago, the judge, in suspending sentence on two soldiers found in company with the girls, severely condemned Kupieha, though not mentioning him by name, saying that he had so conducted his home as to make it virtually a disorderly house and charging, in effect, that the girls, one a daughter and the other a niece of Kupieha, went astray because of the surroundings encouraged by Kupieha.

"I want to deny everything the judge said. I am going to ask for a legislative investigation," said Kupieha today. "The facts are not truly set forth. My daughter is not staying at my own home but at a house in which I have a half-interest and my sister the other half. My daughter was disobedient and I fired her out. The house where the trouble took place is separate from my own home."

"As to the charges that I am running a disorderly house, it is untrue. I am a caterer and on Saturdays buy Hawaiian delicacies for luau but I do not give many of them. It is none of my business if the people who come to these luau bring beer, etc."

"I am not a gambler or a habitual drunkard. I can't watch this other house and my daughter is evilly influenced by her sisters. The judge said unfair things and I want it investigated."

of the governor's information steps likely will be taken to fill this serious breach, either by providing for a sinking fund in the form of territorial insurance or by obtaining policies in recognized insurance companies.

DAILY REMINDERS

"Let's have lunch at the Sweet Shop."

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The new spring millinery at Milton & Parsons is being very favorably received. The styles are very artistic.—Adv.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 1, U. S. W. V., meets this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Honolulu Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., holds stated meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The territorial grand jury is meeting this afternoon in the Judiciary building.

Regular meeting of Phoenix lodge this evening in hall, corner of Fort and Beretania streets.

The members of the auxiliary of St. Andrew's cathedral branch will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in the guild hall, for the Lenten sewing.

The commissioners of education will meet on March 1 in the Judiciary building to discuss needed legislation for the department of public instruction.

The Y. M. C. A. orchestra will give a popular concert in Cooke Hall at 8 o'clock tonight. The program is for members and their friends and ladies are to be the guests.

Anyone having finished work for St. Clement's Red Cross center is requested to send it in by noon tomorrow, as the packing for the first shipment is to be done Friday.

The case of the Honolulu Athletic Park Company, Ltd., vs. H. G. Lowry et al will be up for argument in the supreme court next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The case is an appeal from the judge of the first circuit.

Proposed legislative bills were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Civic Federation in Cooke hall, Y. M. C. A., last night. The committee will meet weekly while the legislature is in session. Judge A. D. Larnach presided.

The meeting of the committee in charge of the international dinner to be given by the Y. M. C. A. will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. The committee is composed of men from the Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Korean, Portuguese, Filipino and American races.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Blake Lewis, who died at the Queen's hospital yesterday, were held at 10 o'clock this morning from the undertaking parlors of H. H. Williams, Dr. J. W. Wadman officiating. The remains were cremated and will be shipped to Boston for interment.

At a meeting of the Hawaiian Philatelic society in the University club last night the organization decided to continue and elected officers for the coming fiscal year as follows: Dr. W. T. Monsarrat, president; A. L. Mackaye, vice-president; A. C. O. Linneaus, secretary, and E. H. Ehrhorn, treasurer.

Lenten services at St. Clement's church will be held every morning at 9 o'clock, and every afternoon at 5 o'clock, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, when evensong will be held at 7:30 o'clock. Holy communion at 9 o'clock every Thursday morning during Lent and also on all Holy Days. Cards, with a list of services, may be secured at the church.

That the creditor of a partnership can collect money due him from the firm, even though the purchases are made under the name of only one member of the partnership, is the purpose of a decision handed down late yesterday by the supreme court in the

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case of H. Hackfeld & Co. against K. Yamamoto. Hackfeld & Co. sold \$186.83 worth of goods to a firm conducting a boarding house and cigar store at Castner, Schofield Barracks, and later secured judgment against the partners in the district and circuit courts. The supreme court overrules defendant's exceptions to the circuit court's decree.

The records on reserved questions in the matter of the application of C. D. Pringle for a writ of mandamus against James Bicknell, auditor of the city and county, have been filed in the supreme court.

PERSONALITIES

BYRON K. BAIRD, collector of the port of Hilo, returned to Hilo on the steamer Wilhelmina last night, after assisting in the opium investigation here.

JACK LONDON, accompanied by Mrs. London, is bound for Honolulu on the Matsushita, due March 2. They will go to Hawaii to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Goodhue.

U. S. MARSHAL HOLOHAN, who arrived here Tuesday with William D'Esmond in custody, departed for a short visit to the volcano on the Wilhelmina last night.

MISS AMELIA BLOCK and Percy J. Levey, both of Honolulu, will be married in the Methodist church this evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Edwin E. Brace officiating. Following the ceremony a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents in Hotel street.

PRINTING BILLS WILL BE CUT BY SENATE

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East Hawaii, offered four measures, dealing with the expenditure of public moneys, creating the department of territorial comptroller to take the place of the present bank examiner, now vested in the treasurer; prescribing the duties of the chairman of the

DOES YOUR STOMACH CONTAIN A GLASSFUL OF ACID?

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If you held a teaspoonful of hydrochloric acid in your mouth for only a second you would not be surprised at its burning and inflaming all the tissues; yet an eminent specialist states that 90 out of 100 dyspeptics go about with an excessive amount of this powerful acid in their stomachs, and then wonder what causes the burning and aching and why they suffer the discomfort after meals. To put whole some food into an acid stomach only increases the discomfort, because the acid mixes with the fresh food and

turns it sour, making a lot more acid. The acid condition causes food fermentation, which irritates, distends and inflames the tender stomach lining, and it is not surprising that specialists say acid stomachs are dangerous. This decidedly dangerous and uncomfortable condition can be overcome either by following a strict diet, or this is far easier and quickly effective, by taking a teaspoonful of bisulphate of magnesia in a glassful of water after meals to neutralize the acidity. The latter course is much more satisfactory because it corrects the acidity and banishes discomfort without any need for diet. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Chambers Drug Co. and Hollister Co.—Adv.

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